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Title

POLISHING METHOD AND POLISHING FILM

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated February 9, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Group I, including claims 1-4, covering a method of polishing; Group II, including claims 5-15, covering a polishing film; and Group III, including claims 16-17, covering a method of making a polishing film. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II and reserve the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measure as they deem necessary to protect their inventions lying within Groups I and III.

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Examination and allowance of claims 5-15 are respectfully requested.

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